

DNREC's Polly Drummond Hill Road demonstration yard waste site to open April 6 and close June 30

DOVER – DNREC's Polly Drummond Hill demonstration yard waste drop-off site in northern New Castle County, which has been in intermittent operation since 2007, will open on April 6, 2019 and then will be permanently closed on June 30, 2019. After that, yard waste material will no longer be accepted at the Polly Drummond Hill site. The site will be restored to its natural state and will be included in the White Clay Creek State Park master planning process.



The Polly Drummond Hill site is the last of three “pilot” yard waste drop-off sites opened by DNREC to help with the transition of New Castle County yard waste disposal away from the Cherry Island landfill as it neared capacity. The property is part of DNREC's White Clay Creek State Park and will return to a natural setting within the park. With the development of other nearby yard waste drop-off and collection options, and concerns regarding invasive species such as the spotted lanternfly, DNREC is closing the Polly Drummond Hill site.

New Castle County residents who have used the Polly Drummond Hill site now have nearby private operations for disposal of their yard waste, including:

- Holland Mulch South Chapel Yard Waste Site
1034 South Chapel Street (Route 72), Newark, DE 19702
302-737-1000; www.hollandmulch.com
- Holland Mulch
135 Hay Road, Edgemoor, DE 19809
302-737-1000; www.hollandmulch.com
- DSWA Cherry Island Landfill
12th Street and Hay Road, Wilmington, DE 19809
800-404-7080; www.dswa.com

DNREC also reminds New Castle County residents that many waste hauling companies in Delaware offer yard waste collection services to customers. A current list of waste haulers and their contact information can be found on the Delaware Solid Waste Authority's website <https://dswa.com/resources/licensed-haulers/>. In some cases, curbside waste customers may already be paying for a yard waste collection service, but might not be using it. Yard waste collection also may be added to existing service contracts. Additionally, there are landscaping companies that offer yard waste collection. New Castle County residents are encouraged to compare and choose the best option for yard waste removal needs.

DNREC's Recycling Program also reminds Delawareans that yard waste is banned from the state's landfills, so it cannot be placed in trash containers. Yard waste typically consists of materials such as grass clippings, leaves, brush, small limbs (4" in diameter or less), Christmas trees or other vegetative materials.

Additional resources for managing yard waste including other drop-off locations can be found at de.gov/yardwaste. This site also includes a link to a new DNREC brochure on managing residential yard waste. For more information on yard waste in Delaware, please call DNREC's Division of Waste & Hazardous Substances, 302-739-9403, option #1.

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